

May 22, 2006

Board of Directors  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
400 West Summit Hill Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37902

RE: Comments for Inclusion in the Public Record from the 5/18/2006 Board Meeting

We are customers, members, and property owners who are going to be affected by the proposed new transmission line to be constructed by EKPC to service the WRECC service area. We disagree with WRECC's decision to leave TVA, as do many of the people in the service area. However, there was no consultation with the WRECC members on that decision. As a result, hundreds of property owners in the WRECC service area are now faced with the condemnation and taking of their property to provide a transmission line that does not need to be built. EKPC has stated they would be able to provide power to the WRECC customers if TVA would allow them to utilize the lines that already exist. While no one would expect TVA to do this without just compensation, it does seem that the environmentally responsible thing would be for TVA, WRECC, and EKPC to try and reach an agreement to utilize these lines and prevent the destruction of woods, wildlife, farms, and homes.

We own close to 400 acres that will be bisected by the new lines, taking with them a 150' path through our only road frontage, crossing our woods, historic 1800's limestone quarry, springhouse, cattle fields, and passing close to our historic 1840's home before they pass on through our neighbor's woods. Two and three pole construction almost 100' tall with two 161-kV and a 69-kV line will scar the landscape forever across what has been a peaceful sanctuary for cattle and wildlife since the early 1800's. Our personal frustration is compounded by the fact that hundreds of residents in the service area are also faced with the loss and destruction of their property. This does not have to happen if TVA, EKPC, and WRECC can work together and act in an environmentally responsible way to minimize the impact of providing electricity to the customers of this area.

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While the USDA/RD says the Section 106 process is just beginning and the environmental studies and cultural studies on our property and others in the path of these lines are not complete, EKPC is claiming to begin construction soon. Someone must commit to the preservation of the historic and environmentally sensitive sites that this project will destroy. This project is a wasteful duplication of resources, yet the ones who can resolve this will not yet sit down and work out a way to lessen the destruction and waste. I am asking your help in preventing this tragedy. Please find a way to work with EKPC and WRECC to utilize the existing transmission lines. We all owe that to the environment and to future generations.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Perkins Sharp". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed contact information.

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